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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT BY AMB SCALI, AUG 22, REGARDING
SPECIAL COMITE OF 24'S DECISION TO GRANT A HEARING TO
TWO PUERTO RICAN ORGANIZATIONS:

"LAST YEAR, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FORCEFULLY
STATED THE BASIC UNITED STATES POSITION ON THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PUERTO
RICO. MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR BUSH, WROTE TO THE
COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1972 THAT SUCH INVOLVEMENT WOULD
BE AN AFFRONT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, TO
THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO, AND TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION OF
1953, WHICH DECLARED PUERTO RICO TO BE SELF GOVERNING.

IN COMMENTING ON TODAY'S ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE, I HAVE
ONLY ONE POINT TO ADD. THE MOST ELOQUENT AND PERSUASIVE
TESTIMONY TO THE POLITICAL SENTIMENTS OF THE PUERTO RICAN
PEOPLE WAS DELIVERED ON NOVEMBER 8, 1972, WHEN WELL OVER
A MILLION PUERTO RICANS WENT TO THE POLLS, IN AN ELECTION
WHICH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AGREED WAS A FREE ONE. THE
FRINGE ELEMENTS WHICH THE COMMITTEE TODAY AGREED TO HEAR
COLLECTED ALL OF 4 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. A TOTAL OF 96
PERCENT REJECTED THE EXTREMIST ARGUMENTS THAT THIS TINY
CLIQUE OF SELF-APPOINTED SPOKESMEN IS NOW SEEKING TO
REVIVE HERE IN NEW YORK RATHER THAN IN PUERTO RICO.
THE PROPER PLACE FOR THESE PEOPLE TO SELL THEIR VIEWS IS
NOT IN NEW YORK BUT IN PUERTO RICO. THEY KNOW FULL WELL,
HOWEVER, THAT THESE VIEWS ONCE AGAIN WOULD BE RESOUNDINGLY
REJECTED BY THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS.

TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS A CONTINUING DIALOGUE
WITH THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE ON THEIR EVOLVING POLITICAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, MY GOVERNMENT AND
GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON OF PUERTO RICO ANNOUNCED ON
AUGUST 2, 1973 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW FOURTEEN MEMBER
AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP COMPOSED OF OUTSTANDING PUERTO RICANS
AND AMERICANS ON THE MAINLAND. OUR PEOPLES ARE JUSTLY PROUD
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OF THE HISTORIC EVOLUTION OF THE FREE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO. NO AMOUNT OF SPEECH
MAKING IN THE COMMITTEE CAN DIMINISH THIS UNIQUE ACHIEVE-
MENT."SCALI

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